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COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND EARLY DIFFERENTIATED

COUNTING OF GRAM-NEGATIVE MICROORGANISMS

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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OF DESIGN APPLICATION

As the below named inventors, we declare that:

This declaration is directed to Application Serial No. 10/018738, filed on December 17, 2001.

We believe that we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 35 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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